

# STATE OF INDIANA

STREAM POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



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TO: Hon. Theodore Sendak  
Attorney General

Attention: Michael Schaefer

FROM: Oral H. Hert  
Technical Secretary

SUBJECT: Gary Dump  
15th Avenue Between Burr Street  
and Colfax Street, Lake County

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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On October 28, 1975, the Stream Pollution Control Board adopted a Recommended Amended Order, agreed to and approved by the City of Gary, which established certain conditions and criteria for operation of the above-referenced site.

Inspections of this site since adoption of the Amended Order have found continued violation of these conditions as well as failure by the City to meet certain deadlines specified in the Amended Order. Those conditions specifically not complied with are:

1. All refuse will be compacted on a slope of between 3:1 and 5:1 and covered with six inches of impermeable soil on the day such refuse is deposited, except that refuse deposited after 5:00 p.m. will be compacted and covered on the following morning.
2. A vector control program will continue to be utilized at all times.
3. Refuse shall not be deposited in standing water.
4. Blowing paper will be prevented from leaving the working face through the use of portable fences or other suitable means.

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5. That the City of Gary shall, by December 1, 1975, submit to the Solid Waste Management Section, engineering plans in accordance with Regulation SPC-18, Chapter III, Section 4(d), items (ii) and (iii) plus an accompanying narrative to supply full details of the construction and operations within the "small lake area" in the north central portion of the site following dewatering.
6. That the City of Gary shall prepare the first trench to receive refuse and construct all other features as indicated in the plans discussed in number 5 above, and so notify the Solid Waste Management Section no later than December 15, 1975, for scheduling of an inspection. If all features are observed to be satisfactory, the City shall then deposit all refuse in said trench.
7. That by January 1, 1976, the City of Gary shall complete the all-weather road to the "small lake area."
8. That by December 15, 1975, the Gary City Engineer shall submit a formal plan for the proposed dewatering of the "large lake" on the northwest portion of the site. Said formal plan shall include certified calculations of the rate of dewatering and the date by which the dewatering shall be complete.
9. That by May 1, 1976, the City of Gary shall establish a growth of grass-type vegetation on Completion Area I.
10. That by May 1, 1976, the City of Gary shall submit the final report to the Solid Waste Management Section of the solid waste management study being conducted by the consultant.
11. That the City of Gary shall submit to the Solid Waste Management Section, monthly reports by the tenth day of each month. Said reports will at the minimum discuss the following:
  - (a) Analyses of samples from monitoring wells numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 11. Said tests shall include BOD, pH, total solids, suspended solids, volatile suspended solids, iron, and chlorides for all wells, plus COD for wells numbered 9 and 11.
  - (b) Any of the landfill equipment which was inoperable at any time during the previous month.
  - (c) Progress toward initiation of the Colfax Street resurfacing/sewer installation project.

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- (d) Progress toward obtaining additional funds for purchase of clay soil.
- (e). Progress toward obtaining additional funds for calendar year 1976, daily operations.

It is hereby requested that appropriate enforcement action be initiated against the City for violation of the Amended Order, Cause No. B-258, the Refuse Disposal Act, IC 19-2-1, and the Environmental Management Act, IC 13-7.

BHP/sjk